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1. A prosthesis comprising:
a stem for implantation at least partially within
the medullary canal of a long bone;
a rod operably associated with said stem; and
a centralizer defining an aperture therein for
receiving at least a portion of said rod, said
centralizer including a surface thereof for guiding said
rod into the aperture.

2. The prosthesis of claim 1:
wherein said stem has a first portion and a second
portion, said first portion defining an cavity therein;
and
wherein said rod defines a longitudinal axis
thereof, said rod being removable from the stem a first
direction along the axis and said rod being restrained
within said stem a second direction opposed to the first
direction along the axis.

3. The prosthesis of claim 1 wherein said
centralizer comprises ribs on the outer periphery
thereof.

4. The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein at least one
of said rod and said centralizer comprise a resorbable
material.

5. The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the surface of
said centralizer for guiding said rod into the aperture
converges toward the aperture.

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6. The prosthesis of claim 5, wherein the surface of said centralizer for guiding said rod into the aperture comprises a funnel.

7. The prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the aperture of said centralizer comprises a through hole for the passage therethrough of at least a portion of said rod.

8. A prosthesis comprising:

a stem for implantation at least partially within the medullary canal of a long bone, said stem having a first portion and a second portion, said first portion defining an cavity therein;

a rod at least partially fittable within the cavity of the first portion of said stem, said rod defining a longitudinal axis thereof, said rod being removable from the stem a first direction along the axis and said rod being restrained within said stem a second direction opposed to the first direction along the axis; and

a centralizer operably associated with said rod.

9. The prosthesis of claim 8, wherein said centralizer defines a aperture therein for receiving at least a portion of said rod, said centralizer including a surface thereof for guiding said rod into the aperture.

10. The prosthesis of claim 8, wherein the surface of said centralizer for guiding said rod into the aperture converges toward the aperture.

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11. The prosthesis of claim 10, wherein the surface of said centralizer for guiding said rod into the aperture comprises a funnel.

12. The prosthesis of claim 8, wherein the aperture of said centralizer comprises a through hole for the passage therethrough of at least a portion of said rod.

13. The prosthesis of claim 8 wherein said centralizer comprises ribs on the outer periphery thereof.

14. The prosthesis of claim 8, wherein at least one of said rod and said centralizer comprises a resorbable material.

15. A centralizing assembly for use with a stem for implantation at least partially within the medullary canal of a long bone comprising:

a rod; and

a centralizer defining a aperture therein for receiving at least a portion of said rod, said centralizer including a surface thereof for guiding said rod into the aperture.

16. The prosthesis of claim 15, wherein the surface of said centralizer for guiding said rod into the aperture converges toward the aperture.

17. The prosthesis of claim 16, wherein the surface of said centralizer for guiding said rod into the aperture comprises a funnel.

18. The prosthesis of claim 15, wherein the aperture of said centralizer comprises a through hole for the passage therethrough of at least a portion of said rod.

19. The centralizing assembly of claim 15, wherein said centralizer comprises ribs on the outer periphery thereof.

20. The centralizing assembly of claim 15, wherein at least one of said rod and said centralizer comprises a resorbable material.

21. The centralizing assembly of claim 20, wherein said resorbable material comprises at least one of a polylactide, a polyglycolide, a vitamin E derivative, a glycerol, a gelatin and a polymer or a co-polymer.

22. A rod for use to connect a prosthetic stem with a centralizer for implantation at least partially within the medullary canal of a long bone comprising a rod adapted to be operably associated with the stem, a portion of said rod comprising a resorbable material.

23. The rod of claim 22, wherein said resorbable material comprises at least one of a polylactide, a polyglycolide, a vitamin E derivative, a glycerol, a gelatin and a polymer or a co-polymer.

24. A stem for use with a centralizing assembly, the stem for implantation at least partially within the medullary canal of a long bone, the stem having a first

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portion and a second portion, said first portion defining an cavity therein for cooperation with the centralizing assembly, the centralizing assembly being removable from the stem in a first direction and being restrained within said stem a second direction opposed to the first direction.

25. A method for providing total hip arthroplasty comprising:

Resecting a long bone,
opening a medullary canal of the long bone,
placing a plug into the canal,
inserting cement into the canal,
providing a stem having a cavity on the distal end thereof,
placing a rod into the cavity,
implanting the first end of the stem at least partially within the medullary canal, and
connecting the rod with the plug to centralize the stem.

26. The method of claim 25:

wherein the placing a plug step comprises placing a step having a guiding surface thereof and defining a aperture thereof; and

wherein the connecting the rod step comprises the step guiding said rod into the aperture.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein the guiding said rod step comprises passing the rod through the aperture.